



Babraham C of E (VC) Primary School

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parents,

The value for the month of DECEMBER is AWE.



This month we will be focusing on the value of **AWE** which links to our attitude to success of Understanding Ourselves and Others. With Christmas quickly approaching we will be understanding about Awe and Wonder related to this special time of the year. We will be continuing to look at how we can best grow our minds by focusing on developing a dream that may initially seem impossible but with commitment, hard work and dedication could come true one day. This positive attitude is an important aspect of developing a good Growth Mindset and a step in helping the children to understand themselves by knowing what they can achieve. We will be continuing to help them to take risks, learn from mistakes, bounce back and share their successes with their peers. By the end of the term we hope that every child will have achieved their Attitude to Success certificates by achieving the goals set. **Our focus this month is mainly on the GOLD goals.**

FoBs

The FoBs Bonfire was a great success - thank you to everyone who supported this event which raised over £1000. The next main event will be the hampers of LOVE - Ducklings, JOY - Magpie, PEACE - Kingfisher and HOPE - Owl that will be put together for Christmas and raffled off in the final assembly of the year. The hampers are in each classroom and FoBs have asked that each child donates a gift to the hamper that spreads Love, Joy, Peace or Hope. This could be something lovely, joyful, peaceful or hopeful to eat or drink. It could be something to relax with or a voucher of some sort.



Saturday 5th November
Church Lane, Babraham
5:30pm Bonfire lit
6:00pm Fireworks

Babraham Bonfire & Fireworks Night

BBQ • SOUP • HOT DRINKS • MULLED WINE • TOFFEE APPLES • GLOW STICKS

Advance tickets - Adults £3 • Child: £2
At the gate - Adults £3.50 • Child £2.50
Preschoolers Free

Advanced tickets available from Babraham School,
Lorraine (Babraham 665368) and The George Inn

NEW location for 2016 in the beautiful grounds of Babraham Hall

A whole School TEA TOWEL has been produced and organised by FoBs ready for Christmas. Every child in Babraham School drew a self-portrait for inclusion on this wonderful tea towel. They have been ordered ready for Christmas and will make an excellent Christmas Present for Family & Friends and help raise funds to help provide resources for the school



Children in Need

The Children in Need spotty day organised by the Student council raised £175.00 and this has been sent to the charity.

Food donations are being collected at the front of the school and will be taken to a shelter for the homeless in the local area in the last week of term. These donations have been gratefully appreciated and are particularly needed at this time of year.

CHRISTMAS

On the 1st of December we will start thinking about Advent at school and start preparing for the many wonderful celebrations that will be happening in preparation for Christmas. This week the student council will put the tree up in the hall and the nativity scene by the front door. We hope that you will all be able to watch your child in the Nativity on Thursday 8th December at St Peter's Church. Please note that the 1st 2 rows of pews are reserved for Year 2 parents (2 seats only each) .



On Tuesday 13th December the whole school will be going to watch Dick Whittington at the Cambridge Arts theatre. We will be leaving school just after registration and your child will either need their own packed lunch and drink or a pre-booked school packed lunch. All reception and KS1 children will receive a FREE school packed lunch.



£150,000 school improvement

The agreed building improvements with the Local Authority (LA) will cost approximately £150,000 and the planning for these improvements is under way. It is estimated that work will begin after Easter 2017 and may last a number of weeks.

The toilet by Duckling class will be converted into a small cloak room with 2 children's toilets and an adult toilet leading off from this area. The front lobby will be extended out to the window by the Headteacher's office and make a much more secure and safe entrance for all at school.

In order for this work to take place the school has agreed to provide £10,000 towards the build. This is a large sum of money and I would like to ask all parents to think creatively about how the funds can be raised - either through work companies or by contacting organisations known to you that may help support this project. The positive impact that the build will have on the children and school environment will be huge, however support to raise the £10,000 will be needed. Please contact the office if you require any information or can offer your help and support with the fundraising.

3D printing report by Miku Archer

For three weeks now, year six have been learning about how a 3D printer works and learning to use the specially designed software, Autodesk 123D Design, to create 3D models of our own. We've been working mostly in pairs. So far we've created personalised ladders for Lego figures. The lessons have definitely given me great opportunities, and with Dr Hill, I have learnt a huge amount of skills on the computer. Right now, I'm creating a step pyramid in the shape of a tetrahedron that could, eventually, be printed. The past few Fridays have been very inspirational. I've learnt a lot about how a 3D printer works, what it could be used for and created new found interests.

LOCKERS

Magpie and Owl class have enjoyed using their lockers located in the hall. The Y3-6 children have been very sensible at entering the school in the morning through the hall side door with Y5/6 dropping bags off between 8.45 and 9.00 - providing they ask the teacher on duty. Please help your child to be smart with what they bring into school - some children seem to have more bags than Father Christmas!!!

Kingfisher are now using designated space opposite the toilets for their bags as the old cloakroom area is gradually being transformed into an office / teacher work space. We hope to have this completed by Christmas.

DEMAT update

We have been informed that our application to join the DEMAT is moving forward and it is expected that we will become an academy by January 1st.

PE and School Uniform

Thank you for providing your children with school uniform or the colours of the school. The children look so smart and part of a community - showing that they are all equal and respect one another. PLEASE may I ask that you LABEL EVERYTHING - including Wellingtons, which can have the name written inside with indelible pen please. Wellingtons are on racks at the back of school for Years 2-6. Duckling class use their wellingtons in the outside classroom and are at the rear of their classroom.

School dinners

Please note that ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE school meal every day. CCS provides the school dinners for Babraham and they have set up a new website that is now live. The website address is:-

www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk



We have added the link directly to our school website, under OUR SCHOOL. For your reference the link is listed below:-

www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/page/school-meals

Here parents will be able to find information on:

- Current menus (our standard choice and set menus)
- Nutritional content of school meals
- Local sourcing information
- Advice on special diets

There is also an on-line enquiry form for parents and schools to contact us directly.

The website is built in a responsive manner, meaning it's easily accessible on mobile, tablet and desktop devices.

School Dinner costs:-

Please note that CCS school lunches will cost £2.25. ALL children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be entitled to a universal FREE school meal.

There are approximately 3 weeks remaining of term 1. May I ask that whenever possible that you pay your child's school meals in advance. Please calculate the lunches your child will have from the following information below:-

- 1 meal per week = £2.25
- 2 meals per week = £4.50
- 3 meals per week = £6.75
- 4 meals per week = £9.00
- 5 meals per week = £11.25

Please send a cheque payable to "Babraham Primary School" or you may wish to pay online at 20-17-19, 90395803 stating your child's name and "school dinner". Please email Mrs Letellier or Mrs Judges at office@babraham.cambs.sch.uk and they will record your payments.

Fruit

Please be reminded that KS2 children can bring a piece of fruit as a snack. Fruit is provided for all KS1 children.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to a school according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years. Parents can apply at ANY TIME if they think they are eligible. If you feel you may be entitled to pupil premium please look at the following link www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Babraham Website

Please may I ask that you check the school website <http://www.babrahamschool.org.uk/site> to keep up-to-date with information and events happening within school. If you have changed your telephone numbers or email addresses please let the office know and they will update your details.

Traffic around school and in Babraham village

A number of parents have voiced their concern about parking issues outside school and in the village during pick up and drop off. In the interests of the health and safety of our children and the general public, may I ask that all parents are mindful when parking outside school and in Babraham Village at all times and be aware of single and double yellow lines. Thank you.

Babraham Primary School achieves the Artsmark Gold award 2016



Babraham Primary School were awarded the Artmark Gold Award by the Arts Council England.

The panel who assessed our submission made the following comments:-

Your schools' submission was recognised for its strength in music. The panel were impressed by the curriculum design and leadership commitments with both your Head and Chair of Governors being actively involved in driving development of cultural education.

The award is on display in the school for all children and parents to see.

This term school will break up Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 3.20pm. The children will return back to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

With best wishes and many thanks for all your continued support

Mark Verde

Dates for your diaries for Term 1

Term 1 dates 2016-2017

- Thursday December 8th - School Christmas Nativity - St Peter's Church - 6.00pm - All welcome
- Tuesday December 13th - Whole school trip to the Arts theatre to see **Dick Whittington**
- Thursday December 15th - Christingle - 9.30am - All welcome
- Friday December 16th - Christmas Jumper Day - Donate £1
- Tuesday December 20th Candle Lit service at 9.30pm - All welcome
- Tuesday December 20th - End of term - 3.20pm